



Robert G. Clarke

January 24, 1944 - December 25, 2022

Robert G. Clarke passed away on December 25, 2022, after a long illness. He is survived by his wife Micael Clarke, and his children Jennifer (Stephen) Salvatore and Robert (Amanda) Clarke, III. He was a devoted grandfather to Joseph, Thomas, and Nicholas Salvatore, and Eloise and Robert Clarke, IV.

Bob was born in 1944 in Dunmore, PA, to Robert and Elizabeth Clarke as the oldest of five children. He is survived by three siblings, Frank (Valerie) Clarke, Christine (Peter) Glennon, and Kevin (Kathy) Clarke. He was preceded in death by his brother Mark Clarke.

Bob had a strong sense of faith, and studied to be a Jesuit for several years before deciding to pursue a different path. His faith remained strong his entire life. Bob moved to Chicago to attend Loyola University, where he met Micael. He went on to study law at Loyola Law School, and began a varied and successful career in law and politics. He was Director of Chicago Volunteer Legal Services, and continued to advise and counsel clients and attorneys even after he left. He also served as Alderman of the 49th Ward. For most of his legal career he was a criminal defense attorney, working to represent and defend the rights of those who would not otherwise have a voice.

Bob had many interests, and he was an avid long-distance bike rider, taking his bike around the country and as far away as Ireland. He loved birds and

bird-watching, and he took many long walks in the woods and along the lake, always with his binoculars. He instilled his interests in his grandchildren, always inviting them to join him on walks and rides. He loved watching baseball, going to the opera, and listening to classical music. Bob was also an avid reader, especially of history books, and he had a remarkable knowledge of history and politics.

Of all Bob's joys, his family was his true joy. His face lit up when he was with his grandchildren, and he was always interested and involved in their lives. He loved his siblings and nieces and nephews, and stayed connected with them, lending his support whenever possible.

Bob will be remembered for his love of family, his sense of humor, his passion for a good argument, and his successful legal career.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

301 Chicago Avenue
Evanston, IL 60202

Previous Events

Visitation / Viewing

DEC **30**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Barr Funeral Home
6222 N. Broadway
Chicago, IL 60660
(773) 743-4034
info@barrfuneralhome.com
<https://barrfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Mass - Meet at Church

DEC **31**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St Ita Catholic Church
1220 W Catalpa
Chicago, IL 60640

Following the Catholic Mass of the Resurrection we will be driving in procession to Calvary Cemetery in Evanston for the burial.

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert G. Clarke*

October 08, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. I first met Bob at 35 East Wacker in the 1970's, and would later occasionally see him at court. Bob always greeted me with that great smile and friendly conversation. He was so proud of his family. My condolences to all of you.*

Sharon Sims - January 02, 2023 at 09:27 PM



“ *Dear Mike, Jennifer and Robert, I am so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. I have so many good memories of all of you at St. Ignatius, and can picture Bob touring the neighborhood on his bike. My thoughts are with you. Toni Potenza*

Toni Potenza - December 30, 2022 at 07:39 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Robert G. Clarke.*



December 30, 2022 at 11:39 AM

JM

“ I am so sorry to hear of Bobby's passing. I first met him in grade school at George Washington Elementary #3. We fought for the attention of Claudia Fay Havens to no avail just like the other boys. We studied to be alter boys together and I played on Little League teams with him and his brother Frank. I remember Bobby always stuck to his guns no matter what the subject. He will truly be missed.

Jerry McCabe

Jerry McCabe - December 30, 2022 at 09:43 AM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Robert G. Clarke.



December 29, 2022 at 04:34 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Robert G. Clarke.



December 29, 2022 at 03:31 PM

DH

“ Dorothy, Charlie, Helen, and Matilda Huff purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Robert G. Clarke.



Dorothy, Charlie, Helen, and Matilda Huff - December 29, 2022 at 11:52 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert G. Clarke.



December 28, 2022 at 03:28 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert G. Clarke.



December 28, 2022 at 11:10 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Robert G. Clarke.



December 28, 2022 at 10:12 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Robert G. Clarke.*



December 28, 2022 at 12:11 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert G. Clarke.*



December 27, 2022 at 03:26 PM



“ *The Clennon and Infusino Families purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert G. Clarke.*



The Clennon and Infusino Families - December 27, 2022 at 10:01 AM